

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, June 19, 2006 at 4:30pm in the Board of Works Room at City Hall.

Present at said meeting were Paula Woods, Mike Dana, Garnet Peck, Nancy Offutt, and Attorney John Sorensen. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Lee Booth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Brian Tunis, and Cheryl Kolb represented the Department. Council member Ann Hunt was present. Absent was Park Board member Leon Trachtman, Council Member Gil Satterly and Gerry Keen.

Paula convened the Board at 4:35 pm.

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes of the May 15 meeting. Nancy noted that the School Board information was missing from the minutes. Mike motioned to approve the minutes as presented with the corrections. Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.
- Received an e-mail from Cody Carter thanking the Board for allowing the root beer kegger at Cumberland Park.
- The Taste went well and Tapawingo Park survived and looks good. Upcoming plans for Riverfest on July 8 and Dancing in the Streets July 29.
- Passed around two press releases about Art on the Wabash and the trail system.
- Doing a workshop at Lilly Nature Center on July 20, co-sponsored with the Indiana Parks and Recreation Association.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- She applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Greater Lafayette Community Foundation for Global fest.
- Pool liner work was finally completed on Saturday morning, May 27. We ended up having to open a day later than scheduled. The vinyl liner, new rec deck and shower deck is complete and we have received several favorable comments.
- She distributed a copy of the pool report, comparing to the first 21 days of operation this year.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Noted inspections are available.
- Managed to get the pool filled and balanced for opening day.
- Caught up on the mowing schedule
- Prepared Tapawingo and plaza area for the Taste
- Numerous little jobs; hanging signs, treating the pond, mechanical repairs, Morton stuff
- Starting the finish grade at Lincoln Park

Recreation – Chris reported on the following:

- The Splash Bash celebration of the pool opening was delayed until Saturday, May 27 due to the pool liner work. The pool has been busy. We have had many compliments on the new pool liner. Commented on what a great job Sue Mattern, Aquatics Director, does with the young staff at the pool. The pool was broken into and they broke out the glass in the vending machines and took product, but no money; they got into the office, they did not get any money but took all the keys. Mike brought up his concern with access to the chemical/pump room. Lee said he would look into the situation.

- Diving lessons are being offered by Deana Sotelo. The Novice and Intermediate diving classes are being offered at the pool.
- Volleyball camp was held May 30. Carl Huetteman the Asst. Varsity High School coach led the camp. Thirty-nine girls participated in the camp. Chris expressed her appreciation to Brock Touloukian the West Lafayette Athletic Director for his help finding a coach for the volleyball camp.
- The following week June 5-9, the Girls basketball camp was held. High School Coach Craig Shaeffer lead 28 girls in grades 3-5 and 25 girls in grades 6-8.
- Soccer camp was held last week June 12-16. Boys Varsity Coach, Brian Cluse offered a one-week camp. Sixty-five children in grades 1-98 enrolled in soccer camp.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- There have been 832 registrations for the summer classes at Morton compared to last year's total reported at the June Board meeting of 792. That is an increase of 40 registrations or 5%.
- We participated at the Active Living Day and Senior Day that was held May 17 at Riehle Plaza. It was the kick off for the Brown Bag series of summer concerts. Two of our instructors gave demonstrations. Jose Quintero gave a ballroom dance demonstration and Lisa Nail did a chair yoga demonstration.
- She attended a health fair given by Fairfield Manufacturing for their employees at Ivy Tech on Saturday, June 17, promoting Morton's health and fitness classes. Shari Gass, one of our yoga teachers, went as well and gave a yoga demonstration.

Beautification & Stewardship – Brian reported on the following:

- DeTrash the Wabash, as noted in the council report, was held Saturday, May 20 and went well. However, due to high water no work was done in/on the river. That is rescheduled for during Riverfest on Saturday, July 8.
- Dan Snchow completed his Eagle Scout project with us on Saturday, June 3. He had about a dozen people help resurface the Michaud-Sinninger Woods trail with mulch.
- Wednesday in the Wild programs have been well attended this year. The next one is in Battleground and in two weeks, it is the Firefly program at night.
- Another adopt a spot along Nighthawk has been adopted by Purdue University Health and Kinesiology Department.

Old Business

New Business

West Lafayette School Board – Nancy Offutt reported on the following:

- The Board started revising the last section of their Policy and Bylaws Manual.
- At the last meeting, the Board was asked to consider allowing T-Mobile to construct a cell tower on school property, near the concession stand on the old football stadium on Grant Street. Discussion will continue at their July 5 meeting.
- Superintendent search will start in the fall.

Wabash River

Mike reported there is a strategic planning process for the Wabash River Enhancement Corporation that will begin a week from Thursday. There will be a series of working sessions for Board members.

Paula reported that the Wabash River Parkway would be hosting the Riverfest on July 8.

Other

Request for Morton Room Rental

Brenda stated that Sue Morrison has been renting room 100 at Morton since April 2005. This spring she was diagnosed cancer and she was going to try to continue teaching classes but due to her treatments, she can no longer teach. She is requesting that the Board release her from her room rental contract as of June 10. Garnet moved to release her from her contract effective June 10. Mike seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Purdue Research Request

Chris received a request from a Purdue student to handout a questionnaire to third graders at the Cumberland School Playground Program. The Board agreed as long as he presents a letter from the Purdue screening process for using human subjects.

West Lafayette Library

Pennie reported she received a request from the West Lafayette Library for forty single admissions to the pool for the summer reading program. Single admission is \$2.50 so that is equivalent to \$100. Garnet moved to approve the request. Nancy seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Purchase Orders

N/A

Pay Claims

Mike motioned for claims to be paid. Garnet seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:05pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary